(b) if so, whether the Government have received any programme from local officials regarding the same;

(c) if the answer to question (a) is in the negative, whether the Government will be pleased to call for the same at once and to appoint an advisory committee to advise the local officials with respect to the same; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to appoint a special staff for investigation and report regarding the said necessary requirements?

*A.*—(a) & (b) The answer is in the negative.

(c) & (d) As was explained in the discussion of the resolution moved last February the Government think that the boards that may be formed under the provision of the Irrigation Bill should be used for the purpose of advice on this matter, and they do not propose to constitute a special advisory committee. The Government now await detailed proposals from the Chief Engineer for the constitution of a special division for the investigation of the remodelling of channels and the improvement of drainage in this delta.

*Improvement of drains in Godavari and Kistna deltas.*

* 415 *Q.*—Mr. P. Peddiraju: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have called for any proposals from the Superintending Engineer, Bezwada, for the improvement of drains in the Godavari and Kistna deltas as promised by the hon. Member at the time of budget discussion; and

(b) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to call for the same at once and to appoint an advisory committee to assist the local officials?

*A.*—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 414.

*Work on the Yenamadurru drain.*

* 416 *Q.*—Mr. P. Peddiraju: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of work turned out by the drag line excavator on the Yenamadurru drain during the last two years in view of the answer given by the Government to question No. 113 on 5th February 1925;

(b) whether it is not a fact that it is lying idle; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to furnish the amount incurred for its maintenance during the last two years ending with 30th June 1925, and if figures are not available, whether the Government will be pleased to call for the same?

*A.*—The Government have called for a report.

*Repairs to the anicut of Rampur channel.*

* 417 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the work of repairs to the anicut crest of the Rampur channel, Bellary district, which had to be stopped owing to the early freshes in 1921 have since been taken up and thoroughly completed, and if so, when; and

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(*b*) whether anything has been done to divert the silt which is brought into the channel by the Gangaraddivanka?

*A.*—(*a*) It is believed so, but the Government have no definite information; they have called for it.

(*b*) The matter is under investigation by the Tank Restoration Scheme party now working there.

## Judicial and Executive Functions.

*Separation of judicial and executive functions.*

* 418 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU: With reference to the statement made by the hon. the Law Member at the meeting held on the 6th February 1925 in regard to the separation of judicial and executive functions, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government of India have come to any and if so, what decision in regard to that matter?

*A.*—No communication has reached this Government regarding this question and presumably therefore no decision has been arrived at.

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo:—"With reference to the answer given to this question, may I ask the hon. the Law Member whether any reminder has been sent to the Government of India?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"Yes."

*Separation of judicial and executive functions.*

*419 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: With reference to the previous debates in the Council, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) if any final order has been received from the Secretary of State for India or from the Government of India about the separation of judicial and executive functions and if so, to what effect;

(*b*) if no final orders have been received, whether the Government sent up any recommendations or asked for liberty of action in the matter; and

(*c*) when the Government intend to take any action in the matter?

*A.*—(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) When final orders on the subject have been received.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"In view of the fact that the Government have not asked for liberty of action in this matter, and in view of what the hon. the Law Member said at the time of the debate of this question, may I ask whether this Government will not ask for liberty of action now?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"This Government will not take any action until the question has been decided by the Secretary of State and the Government of India."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"Will this Government ask for liberty of action?"